MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) ; (*a*) The minimum qualification prescribed in the Public Service Notification and in the Travancore Service Regulations and the Departmental Examinations for Petty Officers and Peons.

(*b*) Seven.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) A graduate who was a First Grade Petty Officer was promoted to act as Sub-Inspector.

(*e*) Graduates are appointed as clerks or Sub-Inspectors. That cannot be said to be in disregard of the claims of graduate Petty Officers because graduates entering service as Petty Officers do not immediately acquire any claim for promotion as clerks or Sub-Inspectors in the next vacancies.

(*f*) Yes, in deserving cases.

Promotion of Police Constables.

268. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many first class Constables were promoted as Head Constables in the Traffic Section of the Police Department since the organisation of that section in 1108 ; and

(*b*) the length of service in first class and qualification of persons so promoted ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) One.

(*b*) 2 years and 3 months. Efficiency and character.

Appointments made by the Commissioner of Police.

269. * MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the period during wich Rao Bahadur Ramanuja Aiyangar was the Commissioner of Police :

(*a*) the number of acting and permanent Inspectors appointed from the rank of Head Constables ;

(*b*) the number of acting and permanent Inspectors appointed from the clerical staff of the department ; and

(*c*) the number of acting, permanent or probationary Inspectors recruited from outside the department ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) 2.

(*b*) 1.

(*c*) 5.

Removal of the Holy Koran from Courts.

270. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there were representations, in the old Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and in the Legislative Council, to remove copies of the Holy Koran from the Courts of the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken by the Government in the matter ?

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